

Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA NATURAL RESOURCES REVIEW COUNCIL**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Natural Resources Review Council and to the general public that the Council will hold a meeting open to the public:

Arizona Natural Resources Review Council
Date: June 25, 2013; 1:00-4:00pm
Location: AZ Game and Fish Department
Eagle Conference Room
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086

1. Call to Order- Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Larry Voyles called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed the Council to the fifth meeting of the Natural Resources Review Council. Council members in attendance included:

AZ Department of Transportation (ADOT) – Floyd Roehrich for John Halikowski
AZ State Land Department (ASLD) – Vanessa Hickman
AZ Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) – Henry Darwin
AZ Department of Water Resources (ADWR) – Sandy Fabritz-Whitney
AZ State Forester (ASF) – Scott Hunt
AZ Geological Survey (AGS) – Lee Allison
AZ State Parks (ASP) – Bryan Martin
AZ Department of Agriculture (ADA) – Brett Cameron for Don Butler

Staff Present in Support of the Council:

Governor's Office – Kevin Kinsall

AGFD – Bob Broscheid, Tim Wade, and Jacob Gidney

2. Review Agenda

No request for changes to the agenda was identified by the Council.

3. Council Review and Update on Draft Subcommittee Work Plans
Subcommittee Chairs

Chairman Larry Voyles reviewed the purpose behind the creation of the subcommittees as a result of Governor Brewer's Executive Order. He summarized that the intent is to develop a Natural Resource vision for the State of Arizona that balances economic and conservation needs.

a. Geographic Information System Subcommittee

Director Lee Allison updated the Council on the progress of the GIS Subcommittee (SC) since the last meeting. The SC had not met since the last meeting due to scheduling conflicts; however, they are continuing progress towards an improved GIS integration system built upon open source data. They are still evaluating other states for models of this integration as well as working with the Western Regional Partnership. They did have a discussion with the

Clearinghouse Subcommittee and have decided that the GIS infrastructure will serve the needs of the Clearinghouse SC very well. Based upon the needs and requirements of the Clearinghouse Subcommittee, the GIS Subcommittee is going to meet in the future to discuss a plan moving forward.

b. Clearinghouse Development Subcommittee

Mr. Broscheid updated the Council on the progress since the last meeting. The SC has determined that the scope of the Clearinghouse system may be more complicated than what the initial work plan detailed. However, a meeting between the Governor's Office and Mr. Allison (AZGS) has helped to refocus their efforts on including meta data mining and document sharing capabilities. The SC is looking at a system that will bring documents together automatically. The SC is also looking at adding a Geospatial component as well. Chairman Voyles was very pleased at the progress of the SC, as he strongly believes that data is very important in decision-making. Mr. Broscheid then went over a PowerPoint presentation detailing the legal foundation for Clearinghouse Systems. The State of Arizona has made attempts at two Clearinghouse systems in the past but since 2001, Arizona has not been maintained on the Federal list of states with Single Point of Contact (SPOC) agreements. Based on discussions from the Office of Management and Budget, the Governor only need to issue a statewide directive (Executive Order) that states the intent to become a SPOC, and not enter into any formal agreements with the federal government.

Ms. Karen Fisher (ADWR) presented a walkthrough of the XEROX DocuShare product that ADWR uses to review and share project documents. Through DocuShare, any document (Notes, Spreadsheets, etc.) can be uploaded to the server. Any of the users can then go into the DocuShare and be able to easily access the document. Upon uploading a document, the system provides unique functionality, such as search query specifications, expiration date, and user permissions. In addition, to this, DocuShare provides a routing system that will allow for documents to be routed among employees at a much quicker pace. The estimate is about \$4500 for the required amount of licenses and an additional \$1125 for system support. Director Allison made the remark that some agencies are using SharePoint currently which is a similar system albeit more expensive. Mr. Broscheid assured the Council that the implementation of DocuShare will not change the systems that some agencies have in place, but rather they will focus on integration.

c. Planning Subcommittee

Director Hunt updated to the Council that the SC now has an Agencies Points of Contact list. The effectiveness of the list will help the Clearinghouse determine whether or not the implementation of the Clearinghouse system should be a short-term or long-term goal. Director Hunt and Mr. Broscheid confirmed that there will be a collaboration between the GIS, Clearinghouse and Planning SC's. Since this list was created, the Council is already beginning to better implement integration of the agencies earlier than expected.

Update on HB 2001/County Planning Effort

\$100,000 has been appropriated to the Arizona State Forester with the sole purpose of providing a grant to a county or multi-county organization for review of their existing County Comprehensive Plans. There are state regulations governing the granting process such as a three-member review board and a six-week application process. Director Hunt will be communicating with Mr. Broscheid and Mr. Kinsall in order to set up meetings with the various county organizations. The grant should help the counties identify strengths and weaknesses

of their respective natural resource planning processes, which will inform future plan amendments to several County Comprehensive Plans by the end of 2014.

d. Mitigation and Conservation Banking Subcommittee

Tim Wade provided a presentation on the legal requirements associated with Mitigation Banking and Conservation Programs.

Presentation on Mitigation Banking Programs

In addition to reviewing the basics of mitigation, Mr. Wade and Chairman Voyles were pleased to announce that an agreement was recently reached on the establishment of an In-lieu Fee (ILF) program between AGFD and the Army Corps of Engineers. There are currently five current ILF Project sites and nine that are proposed. They do not plan to reinvent the wheel, but rather build upon the existing AGFD agreement mechanism. The SC will also be meeting with private stakeholders to solicit feedback and understanding of the program. Mr. Wade revealed that the biggest hurdle for ILF and the SC will be the inclusion of federal and state trust lands. They are looking into both of these and state park properties as well. Chairman Voyles emphasized that there have been a lot of failures of these programs in the past because of underpriced credits that have not considered long-term operations.

e. Engagement and Partnering Subcommittee

Mr. Broscheid reviewed the purpose of the Engagement and Partnering Subcommittee that was established at the last meeting. The SC will have their inaugural meeting on July 12th at 2:00. The SC will be focused on outreach and communication. Mr. Broscheid was pleased that the members reflect a good representation of all the agencies. Chairman Voyles directed the creation of a Draft Work Plan and associated Gantt chart to identify the deliverables and timelines needed to get the message out as to what the NRRC is. Mr. Broscheid confirmed that this is the first task for the SC.

4. Call to the Public (Per the Open Meeting Law, no action was taken on call to the public items)

a. Presentation by the AZ Heritage Alliance

Ms. Beth Woodin and former Representative Russ Jones spoke on behalf of the AZ Heritage Alliance and gave a presentation about restoring the Heritage fund. The fund helped agencies such as AGFD and ASP to accomplish their missions, as well as providing significant funding for local government programs. In 2009, Arizona State Parks rescinded over six million in heritage fund grants already awarded. In 2010, the State Parks portion of the Heritage fund was completely eliminated. The Alliance has been trying ever since to restore the fund because they believe it helps to preserve Arizona's history while providing jobs. They would appreciate the Council's consideration for making a recommendation to the Governor to reinstate the State Parks Heritage Fund. They believe the grants that come through the heritage fund could be very compatible with what the Council is doing.

Mr. Pascal Berlioux spoke on behalf of the Eastern Counties Organization. He revealed to the Council that the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization is very interested in the work of the Council and is willing to assist in any way possible. In particular, EACO maintains numerous documents that they believe would be helpful in the possession of the Clearinghouse SC. Mr. Berlioux believes this partnership would be a great opportunity for the Council to work with local governments on developing natural resource management plans and policies. He also respectfully suggested to Council that the appropriation under HB 2001 be allocated carefully

and with clear forethought. Mr. Berlioux will be providing his comments in written form for the Council.

5. Review Action Items/Future Agenda Items

The following action items and future agenda items were identified:

1) Each Subcommittee will reevaluate their work plans (including timelines and deliverables) for review of the full Council at the next meeting. The Engagement and Partnering SC will provide their initial work plan for Council consideration and comment.

2) The Council will work with Mr. Berlioux (EACO) and other counties on the purpose and intent of the Council and identify any common areas of interest. **(B. Broscheid)**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A presentation that entails the purpose and intent of the Council **(B. Broscheid)**

Subcommittee Chairs will present their Work Plans for Council consideration and discussion.

6. Adjourn

The Council adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:00PM.

Future meeting Dates (All meetings are scheduled from 1:00pm-4:00pm):

July 16, 2013

Governor's Executive Tower
2nd Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

August 12, 2013

Governor's Executive Tower
2nd Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

September 30, 2013

Governor's Executive Tower
2nd Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

October 21, 2013

Governor's Executive Tower
2nd Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007